

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please **ADD** claim 10.

A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

1-2. (cancel)

3. (original) An automotive knuckle comprising:

- an inner surface; and

- a bottom portion, wherein

- a fitting hole to which a wheel bearing is fitted,

- a through hole opened in the inner surface of the fitting hole,

- an open end portion of the through hole is deburred by inserting a cutting tool there into at an angle at which the tool does not touch the remaining part of the knuckle,

- the cutting tool has a diameter being larger than that of the through hole and also has a cutting part that has a hemisphererical leading end portion,

- a burr formed at the open end portion of the through hole is removed by rotating the cutting tool while simultaneously making the leading end portion of the through hole, and

- a contour of the open end portion is shaped nearly like an ellipsoid having a major axis and a minor axis.

4-5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The automotive knuckle according to claim 3, wherein the angle of the cutting tool is 45 degrees.

7-8. (cancelled)

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9. (original) The automotive knuckle according to claim 3, wherein the cutting tool is a ball end mill.

10. (New) The automotive knuckle according to claim 3, wherein the contour of the open end portion is shaped differently than that of the through hole.